

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

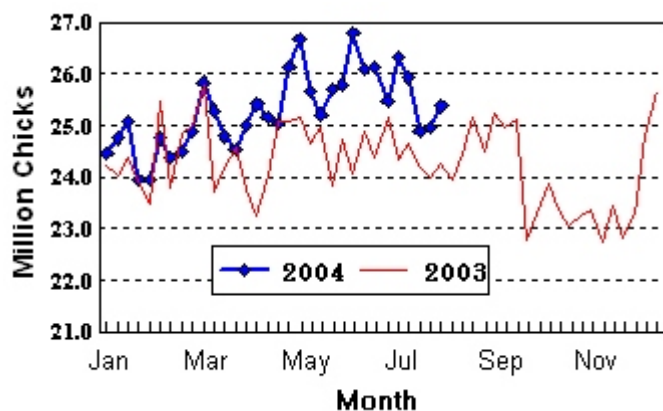
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.4 million during the week ending August 7, 2004. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through August 7, 2004 were 809.6 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.0 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.0 percent.

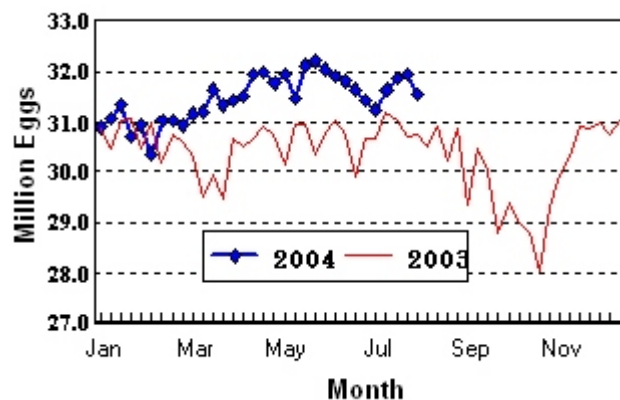
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 7, 2004, up 2 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jul. 3	25,195	25,484	101	25,629	26,419	103	30,676	31,452	103
Jul. 10	24,361	26,353	108	25,097	26,297	105	30,669	31,262	102
Jul. 17	24,697	25,933	105	24,754	26,146	106	31,196	31,653	101
Jul. 24	24,179	24,888	103	25,245	25,985	103	31,054	31,896	103
Jul. 31	24,022	24,993	104	25,150	25,654	102	30,749	31,944	104
Aug. 7	24,252	25,388	105	25,555	25,964	102	30,785	31,552	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	17-Jul	24-Jul	31-Jul	07-Aug		03-Jul	10-Jul	17-Jul	24-Jul	31-Jul	07-Aug	
Alabama	30,953 *	30,430	30,505	30,390	103	21,408	21,972	21,113	22,328	21,781	21,273	100
ARKANSAS	31,653	31,896	31,944	31,552	102	25,484	26,353	25,933	24,888	24,993 *	25,388	105
Delaware	3,689	3,634	3,719	3,747	97	4,951	4,717	5,093	4,987	5,172	5,056	107
Florida	1,370	1,339	1,355	1,349	100	1,603	1,498	1,456	1,221	1,419	1,447	90
Georgia	33,806 *	33,088	34,307	34,336	105	28,124	27,286	27,797	27,041	25,624 *	27,013	103
Kentucky	6,970	7,187	7,280	7,326	107	6,035	6,131	5,638	6,057	6,249 *	5,835	101
Louisiana	3,907	3,923	3,914	3,923	102	3,941	3,755	3,453	4,009	3,733	3,625	97
Maryland	8,862	8,916	8,908	8,895	95	6,120	6,119	5,835	5,984	5,375	5,998	91
Mississippi	19,829	19,843	19,839	19,831	103	17,348	17,116	17,197	17,203	17,064 *	16,978	103
N. Carolina	18,782 *	18,093	18,383 *	17,962	104	15,117	15,355	14,921	13,789	14,887 *	14,982	107
Oklahoma	6,766	6,679	6,890 *	6,767	104	4,600	4,164	5,142	5,905	4,880	4,934	94
Pennsylvania	3,964	3,760 *	4,115	3,672	98	2,940	2,909	2,853	2,808 *	2,846 *	2,946	101
S. Carolina	3,790	3,850	3,828	3,978	91	4,000	4,158	3,729	3,815	3,150	4,606	128
Texas	15,503 *	15,498 *	15,353 *	15,512	107	12,752	12,697 *	12,763 *	12,631 *	12,719 *	12,871	105
Virginia	6,868	6,852	6,655	6,665	103	5,216	5,701	5,448	5,428	5,638	5,256	102
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,610 *	17,537 *	17,326 *	17,549	106	16,220 *	15,689 *	16,392 *	15,501 *	15,625 *	16,163	100
Total 2004	214,322 *	212,525 *	214,321 *	213,454 *		175,859 *	175,620 *	174,763 *	173,595 *	171,155 *	174,371	
Total 2003	208,336	207,442	206,636	206,725		171,574	169,458	165,525	167,909	167,589	170,090	
%Prev. Year	103	102	104	103		102	104	106	103	102	103	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						21-Aug	28-Aug	04-Sep	11-Sep	18-Sep	25-Sep	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 213 million eggs during the week ending August 7, 2004. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 7, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through August 7, 2004 were 5.51 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.